Claim Amendments:

This listing will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A heddle ~~according to claim 1~~, in particular for power looms, comprising:

an elongated heddle body, which on one end has an end eyelet for securing the heddle to a heddle support rail, and

a spring means provided on the end eyelet on a side thereof facing away from the heddle body for engaging a bearing surface spaced from and adjacent a heddle supporting rib of a heddle support rail; and wherein the spring means is integrally joined to the end eyelet on the side thereof facing away from the end eyelet.

3. Cancelled

4. (Currently Amended) The heddle according to claim ~~1~~ 2, wherein the spring means is embodied as a tensioning means, for supporting the heddle in a prestressed fashion on a heddle support rail.

5. (Currently Amended) The heddle according to claim ~~1~~ 2, wherein the spring means is formed by at least one resilient portion extending away from the end eyelet.

6. (Currently Amended) The heddle according to claim ~~1~~ 2, wherein the spring means is embodied resiliently in the longitudinal direction (Y) of the heddle.

7. (Currently Amended) The heddle according to claim ~~1~~ 2, wherein the spring means is embodied as a compression spring.

8. (Currently Amended) The heddle according to claim ~~1~~ 2, wherein the spring means is embodied as a spiral spring.

9. (Currently Amended) The heddle according to claim ~~1~~ 2, wherein the heddle is formed of a plane flat material, and the end eyelet is embodied as plane.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A heddle ~~according to claim 1~~, in particular for power looms, comprising:

an elongated heddle body, which on one end has an end eyelet for securing the heddle to a heddle support rail, and

a spring means provided on the end eyelet on a side thereof facing away from the heddle body for engaging a bearing surface spaced from and adjacent a heddle supporting rib of a heddle support rail, and wherein the heddle is formed of a plane flat material, and the spring means is embodied as plane.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A heddle ~~according to claim 1~~, in particular for power looms, comprising:

an elongated heddle body, which on one end has an end eyelet for securing the heddle to a heddle support rail, and

a spring means provided on the end eyelet on a side thereof facing away from the heddle body for engaging a bearing surface spaced from and adjacent a heddle supporting rib of a heddle support rail, and wherein the heddle ~~(2)~~ is formed of a plane flat material, and the spring means is embodied by a curved spring tongue.

12. (Currently Amended) The heddle according to claim ~~1~~ 2, wherein the heddle is embodied of a flat material and adjoining the end eyelet has an elongated portion, which is provided with a bending edge or a reinforcing bulge.

13. (Currently Amended) The heddle according to claim ~~1~~ 2, wherein the heddle, adjoining the end eyelet, has an elongated portion which has a center eyelet and which is divided into a plurality of portions extending from the center eyelet, and these portions have different cross-sectional areas.

14. (Previously Presented) The heddle according to claim 13, wherein the cross-sectional areas of the portions have a ratio in terms of the area they contain of 1 to 2.

15. (Previously Presented) The heddle according to claim 13, wherein the cross-sectional areas of the portions have profile sections that deviate from one another.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A heddle support rail ~~according to claim 16~~, supporting a heddle according to claim 2, wherein the heddle support rail has a rib for supporting the heddle at a face of the end eyelet opposite the spring means, and a bearing face that is spaced from the rib, extends transverse to the longitudinal direction of the heddle body, and is positioned to engage the spring means of the heddle supported on the rib, and wherein the bearing face is disposed in stationary fashion relative to the ~~jib~~ rib of the heddle support rail.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A heddle support rail ~~according to claim 16,~~ for receiving a heddle according to claim 2, wherein the heddle support rail has a rib for supporting a heddle at a face of the end eyelet opposite the spring means, and a bearing face that is spaced from the rib, extends transverse to the longitudinal direction of the heddle body, and is positioned to engage the spring means when a heddle is supported on the rib, and wherein the bearing face is supported adjustably relative to ~~jib~~ rib of the heddle support rail.

19. (Currently Amended) A heddle shaft with a heddle support rail having a heddle according to claim ~~1~~ 2.

20. (Previously Presented) A heddle, in particular for power looms, comprising:

an elongated heddle body, which on one end has an end eyelet for securing the heddle to a heddle support rail; and,

a spring that is provided on the end eyelet on a side thereof facing away from the heddle body, that extends away from the eyelet, and is an integral one-piece part of the heddle body.